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Amendment A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2005 April 07, please amend the above application as follows:

Title:

Change to — A Refractory Stopper With a Temperature Resistant, Electrically Conductive Coating.

Claims:

Cancel claims 1 to 10.

Cancel claims 11 to 20 and substitute new claims 21 to 30 as follows:

21. A composite refractory stopper used to control the flow of molten metal consisting of
 - a) a refractory core composed of ceramic materials, and